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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the official action dated August 20, 2002, please amend the
subject application as follows:

Cancel claim 14 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 38 and 39 remain withdrawn from consideration.